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Honorable John A. McCone
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

In accordance with section 201, Public Law 88-643,
this is to advise you that the Senate Committee on Armed
Services approves the rules and regulations providing for the
early retirement of certain Central Intelligence Agency
employees.

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis
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Acting Chairman

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February 11, 1965

Mr. John A. McCone
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
McLean, Virginia

Dear Mr. McCone:

At your request we have reviewed the proposed regulations under the recently enacted "Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees."

The purpose of our review was to provide you with our independent judgment on whether those regulations are consistent not only with the express language of the statute but also with Congress' intent in enacting this special retirement system, as expressed in the hearings, in floor statements and in the committee reports. Administrative workability or clarity of the regulations was not within the ambit of our consideration.

We considered committee reports, statements made on the floors of both houses of Congress and the transcript of hearings before a subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee sitting in executive session, including certain classified portions of that record which were made available to us for purposes of our review. After studying a draft of the regulations, we conferred with senior members of your staff regarding the Agency's objectives and problems and the legislative history. In the course of these consultations, changes were made in the draft.

In our opinion the proposed regulations, as revised, are consistent with the letter and the purpose of the legislation. They assure that only those employees who perform unique or hazardous services for their country will be permitted to participate. At the same time, they allow the flexibility needed by the Agency if this program is to be an effective management tool.

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We wish to compliment you and the members of your staff on the conscientious effort which the Agency has made to develop sound regulations which carefully carry out the intent of Congress.

Very truly yours,

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